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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed August 18, 2005, Applicants elect Claim Set I, which includes claims 1-17 without traverse. Claims 18-27 have been withdrawn. In view of the election to the restriction requirement made, it is respectfully submitted that pending claims 1-17 are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully solicited. Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to Deposit Account number 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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